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YOUNG READERS INVITED TO ENTER WRITING CONTEST, LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

State Winners Will Advance for National Competition

Write a letter to your favorite author, and you might win an expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C. for yourself and your parents!

The trip to our nation's capital is the national prize in Letters about Literature, a writing contest for readers in grades 4 through 12 sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores.

To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. Young readers can select authors from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic.

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The Arizona Center for the Book will select the top essayists in the state on each of the three competition levels: Level I for children in grades 4 through 6; Level II for grades 7 and 8, and Level III, grades 9 - 12.

Deadline for entries is December 1, 2005. To obtain the required entry coupon, call the Arizona Center for the Book at (602) 258-4197, ext. 3 or visit our website at lib.az.us/azbook/.

State winners advance to national competition and receive cash prizes plus a \$50 Target GiftCard.

Six national winners will each receive an expenses-paid trip to the nation's capitol to read their letters during the National Book Festival in the fall of 2006. In addition, they will receive a \$500 TargetGift card redeemable at any Target or target.com. Target is the presenting sponsor of Letters About Literature.

Teachers, librarians, or parents interested in obtaining copies of the contest guidelines, lesson plans and writing samples should visit the Arizona Center for the Book website at www.lib.az.us/azbook or contact the program coordinator at (602) 258-4197, ext. 3, email: lweaver@lib.az.us. At the national level, visit the Center for the Book Web site at loc.gov/letters or contact the national project director at lettersaboutlit@epix.net.

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